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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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March 26, 1999

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Official Action mailed 19 March 2001 for the subject patent application. A petition for a 3 month extension of time is attached hereto, thereby setting the due date for response to 19 September 2001.

Please enter the following amendments to the record.

In the Claims

10. Please cancel claims 10 and 17 without prejudice.

12. (Twice Amended). An isolated biologically active polypeptide encoded by a nucleic acid molecule selected from the group consisting of:

- a) the nucleic acid molecule as set forth in any of SEQ ID NOs: 1, 2, and 3;
- b) a nucleic acid molecule encoding the polypeptide of any of SEQ ID NOs: 4, 5, and 6;
- c) fragments of SEQ ID NOs: 1, 2, and 3;
- d) an allelic variant or splice variant of any of (a) or (b);
- e) a nucleic acid molecule of the DNA vector insert in ATCC Deposit No. 207158;
- f) a nucleic acid molecule of the DNA vector insert in ATCC Deposit No. 207159; and

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